(b) whether any programmes will be prepared by Government for the development, preservation and promotion of such modern places of historical importance;

(c) whether Government will make any effort for preservation and development of tomb of Sher-Shah at Sasaram to attract the tourists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The centrally protected historical places situated at Sasaram, Jagdishpur and Buxer are maintained and conserved by the Archaeological Survey of India in accordance with archaeological norms, and subject to the availability of resources. In addition, Archaeological Survey of India also undertakes the development of their environs and provides amenities to the visiting tourists.

(c) and (d) The tomb of Sher Shah at Sasaram is a centrally protected monument and is in a good state of preservation. This monument is receiving proper attention. Conservation measures including cleaning of the tank, resetting of ashlar stone masonry and lime plastering were taken up to maintain the monument in good condition.

The expenditure incurred on conservation of Sher Shah Suri's Tomb at Sasaram during the last three years and for current financial year is as follows:

| Year | Amount (in Rs.) |
|---|---|
| 2003-04 | Rs. 8,43,754.00 |
| 2004-05 | Rs. 2,20,311.00 |
| 2005-06 | Rs. 2,67,377.00 |
| 2006-07 | Rs. 1,58,018.00 |

**Development of tourist spots in Jharkhand**

†2397. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Jharkhand have sent any proposal to the Central Government for promoting tourism in the State;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard;

(c) if not, whether the Central Government would take effective steps to promote tourism in Jharkhand; and

(d) whether Government intend to make any plan to develop archeologically important places of Jharkhand as tourist spots?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Government/UT Administrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under schemes for Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations/Circuits and Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects.

Project proposals received from the State Government/Union Territories that are complete in all respect are approved on the basis of *inter-se* priority and funds released subject to availability under respective head. A list of projects sanctioned for the State of Jharkhand in the 10th five year plan is given in Statement.

***Statement***

*Projects sanctioned to the State of Jharkhand during the 10th plan*

(Rs. in Lakh)

| s. No | Name of Project/Scheme | Amount sanctioned |
|---|---|---|
| | 2002-03 | |
| | Nil | |
| | 2003-04 | |
| 1. | Integrated Development of Madhuban and Parasnath in Giridih | 393.00 |
| 2. | Integrated Development of Jamshedpur-Ranchi-Betla-Daltonganj-Ranchi-Jamshedpur Tourist Circuit in Jharkhand | 716.00 |
| | Total | 1109.00 |
| | 2004-05 | |
| 1. | Integrated Development of Massanjore (Distt. Dumka) | 493.25 |

| s. No. | Name of Project/Scheme | Amount sanctioned |
|---|---|---|
| 2. | Development of Tirthankar-Boddhisatwa Circuit | 494.57 |
| | Total | 987.82 |
| | 2005-06 | |
| 1. | Hazaribagh CuKural-cum-Adventure Festival, 2006 | 5.00 |
| 2. | Adventure Tourism Festival, 2005, Ghatshila, Jamshedpur | 4.20 |
| 3 | Hijla Tribal Rural Festival, 2006 at Dumka | 2.50 |
| 4. | Integrated Development of Tourist Circuit Ranchi-Netarhat-Betla-Ranchi | 798.00 |
| 5. | Integrated Development of Deoghar (Distt. Deoghar) under Destination Development Scheme | 417.57 |
| | Total 2006-07 | 1227.27 |
| 1. | Integrated Development of Tourist Circuit "Ranchi-Rajrappa-Hazaribagh-ltkhori' in Jharkhand | 775.78 |
| 2. | Information Technology in the State Tourism Department of Jharkhand | 49.10 |
| 3. | Development of Sahebganj-Rajmahal as a tourist destination | 131.47 |
| | Total | 956.35 |

**India's share in global tourism**

2398. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the share of India in global tourism;

(b) what is the action plan of Government to give a boost to this share;

(c) how far has the Incredible India Campaign helped to pick up global tourism;

(d) whether Government propose to develop certain sites of attraction to woo foreign tourists; and